

Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Honolulu, Hawai'i NAACP Day

WHEREAS, the Honolulu, Hawai'i National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) reminds us that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was formed in 1909 with a mission to "ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination," as the oldest national civil rights organization; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu, Hawai'i NAACP branch was chartered in May 1960 in our nation's 50th state to further the NAACP's goals of ensuring a society with equal rights for all; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu, Hawai'i NAACP emphasizes the challenge by President Alphonso Braggs to "make a difference out of our differences," with the message that "Only when we take the time to see what is different about us can we truly see what is common among us"; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu, Hawai'i NAACP celebrates its upcoming 54th Branch Anniversary with the theme of "Empowering People, Transforming Communities," exemplifying the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his tireless commitment to empowering "we the people," thereby transforming communities across the nation to realize the true meaning of justice and equality;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 18, 2014, as

"NAACP DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in commemorating the Honolulu, Hawai'i NAACP's embrace of the state's unique diversity in advancing the causes of civil rights and social justice.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventeenth day of January 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i